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SUBJECT: REACTIONS ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY MEETING

1. SUMMARY: PRESS FOLLOWING JUNE 24-28 MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY GAVE SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE TO RESULTS OF MEETING AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON INITIATIVES FOR NEW AREA OF US-LATIN AMERICAN COOPERATION. REPRESENTATIVES OF GOB AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN MEETING ALSO COMMENTED FAVORABLY TO EMBASSY ON RESULTS OF WG SESSION AND ON CALIBER AND PERFORMANCE OF US DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING CLOSE OF WG MEETING VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING MAJOR NATIONAL DAILIES, JORNAL DO BRASIL AND O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, FEATURED LENGTHY ARTICLES DESCRIBING RESULTS OF MEETING IN FAVORABLE TERMS AS BEGINNING OF A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE ON TECHNOLOGY ISSUES. ARTICLES GENERALLY ASCRIBED SATISFACTORY RESULTS OF MEETING TO CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE SHOWN BY US DELEGATION AND TO PERSONAL SUPPORT AND STIMULUS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY KISSINGER.JORNAL DO BRASIL NOTED THAT AN

IMPORTANT RESULT FOR LATIN DELEGATIONS WAS SUCCESSFUL TESTING OF US WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT. PAPER COMMENTED THAT FLEXIBILITY SHOWN BY CHIEF OF US DELEGATION, DR. RICHARD ROBERTS, IN MEETING LATIN AMERICAN REACTIONS TO US PROPOSALS WAS EVIDENCE OF US GOOD WILL. JORNAL ALSO RAN ARTICLE QUOTING AT LENGTH FROM STATEMENT MADE BY DR.ROBERTS AT CLOSING SESSION OF MEETING. BRASILIA NEWSPAPER, CORREIO BRASILIENSE, QUOTED GOB FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES AS STATING THAT FRUITS OF WG MEETING WOULD NOT BE IMMEDIATE BUT WOULD COME OVER LONG-TERM. "THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AT THE MEETING HAVE TAKEN AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP -THE OPENING OF A DIALOGUE TO PROMOTE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM DEVELOPED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. A FEW YEARS AGO, SUCH AN INITIATIVE WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED RIDICULOUS." MOST PAPERS REPORTING ON MEETING ALSO PUBLISHED SUMMARIES OF WG RECOMMENDATION AND SUBGROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE.

3. FOLLOWING MEETING, AMBASSADORS OF COLOMBIA, CHILE, AND ARGENTINA TOOK OCCASIONS TO MENTION TO AMB CRIMMINS THE POSITIVE REACTIONS OF DELEGATIONS FROM THEIR COUNTRIES TO RESULTS OF THE WG MEETING. ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR, WHO HEADED HIS DELEGATION, COMENTED PARTICULARLY FAVORABLY ON THE ATTITUDE AND CALIBER OF THE US DELEGATION. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO WAS MEMBER OF THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT GOB REACTION TO MEETING WAS ALSO VERY POSITIVE AND THAT BRAZILIANS HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE COMPETENCE AND SERIOUSNESS OF THE US DELEGATION.

4. ADDITIONAL COPIES IN ENGLISH OF WG REPORT HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO STOCKMAN, ARA/LA.
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